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SUBJECT : STAFFDEL JONES/ASHWORTH

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1. WE ARE ARRANGING APPROPRIATE MEETINGS WITH MIDDLE EAST FORCE COMMAND AND EMBASSY MORNING AND LUNCH TIME NOVEMBER 2, OPERATING ON ASSUMPTION STAFFDEL WILL PROCEED TO SAUDI ARABIA LATER THAT AFTERNOON. IN ABSENCE SIGNIFICANT BAHRAINI INTEREST IN U.S. MILITARY EQUIP-MENT, STAFFDEL VISIT HERE WILL FOCUS SOLELY ON MIDDLE EAST FORCE ROLE AND OPERATIONS.

2. TENTATIVELY WE ARE PLANNING ON ARRIVAL CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS FROM SAUDI ARABIA AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 2 FOR LATE AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING CALLS ON TOP GOB OFFICIALS. THIS VISIT WILL, OF COURSE, PREEMPT TIME OF BOTH SENIOR OFFICERS MIDDLE EAST FORCE AND EMBASSY, LEAVING STFFDEL AT LOOSE ENDS SHOULD IT REMAIN IN BAHRAIN UNTIL NOVEMBER 3. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE MUST PLEAD THE NECESSITY TO SWAP VISITORS WITH SAUDI ARABIA ON THE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 2.
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